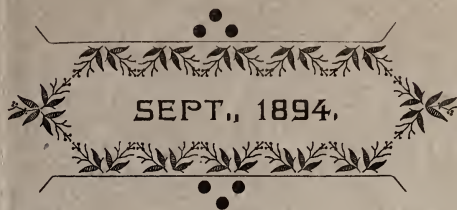


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THE AUTUMN COMMUNION.

This service will be held Sabbath morning, October 7. Preparatory services, Thursday evening, October 4. It is important that every member of the Church should be in attendance at these services. At the services on Sabbath, an opportunity will be afforded for the reception of new members. May we not hope for a large ingathering on this day, and for a most delightful service?

HE LEADETH ME.

It is with a heart filled with gratitude to God that I am writing these lines, to let many of His dear children in Fort Wayne know of His great tenderness to me, who as the least of all, have been chosen to bear His name before the Gentiles.

In the former piece we remarked how the Lord opened the hearts and pocket-books of some of his own—and gave them the privilege to give for work for poor Tibet; and in this article we wish to continue to relate His goodness in this. About three weeks before leaving Fort Wayne I was led to pray more earnestly than ever before I had done, for a bicycle—which I was sure would be a source of great benefit out in the regions of the darkness of Asia's light. I was led to ask for a Victor lady's wheel, cushion tire, as I had been told that this wheel was the best for my work. A

few days later while walking through West Berry Street, I noticed the bicycle store of Randall & Co., and somehow or other I became persuaded by something that the bicycle for which I had prayed and was now expecting, was in that store. But everything went on as before: no sign of a coming bicycle—no trace of external evidence that my prayers had been heard and answered. About two or three days before leaving, I reminded our dear Master, as He has told us to do, in saying: "Ye are the Lord's remembrances," of the prayer made for the bicycle. But He had not forgotten—but simply tried—the confidence of His little one, because on the morning of my departure I was presented with a Victor lady's wheel, cushion tire, as a literal answer to my humble, yet confident petition. "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly:" But not only could the Lord send a bicycle in answer to prayer, but by the kind suggestions of some of the dear ones here, a collection was made of useful things for our future hospital work in Kumbum, under the supervision of our medical missionary, my wife, Mrs. Rijnhart, M.D., C.M., and so kindly came in the following things: a Domestic sewing machine, pillows, quilts, blankets, sheets, towels, beautiful rolls of bandages, and cooking utensils, filling two boxes. But when about to leave, three brethren came saying that they thought

that a third box might easily be filled. So that since I went they filled up that box, and thus the Lord most kindly, sent in a lot of things so needy for our future work in Kumbum. Many of the dear Christian ladies were stirred up to see that the use of jewelry was surely not putting God's money on interest, and some came and in obedience to the Spirit of God, brought their brooches, rings, ear-rings, etc., and some with beaming faces, others with an expression of silent submission, and laid their treasures before the Lord, and no doubt He for whom it was done will not forget the sacrifice of these His devoted children, and although the actual value of these articles is not so great, we are sure that the Lord, who regardeth it all, will reward them in accordance—not with their gift—but with their motive.

A dear little girl only 12 years of age came and said "Mr. R. I wanted so badly to give something for the Lord's work in Tibet—and for a few days I have wondered what I might give—and last night I thought of a gold dollar I have had since I was three months old. May I give it to you for Tibet?" As I hesitated to accept it, fearing that she had not fully understood, or that afterward she might regret having given, she said "I have asked my older sister if I might give it and she said yes!"

It is lovely to see the sweet spirit of consecration prevailing over the love for some little idol or relic.

Another interesting case was found in the following: In the First Presbyterian Church a lady had sent in a pledge to pay in three months, three dollars towards our, or rather the Lord's work. She was a hard working girl, as I later on learned. On the day following the one, on which her pledge was sent in, she brought one dollar and said that she hoped the Lord would permit her to soon be able to pay her vow unto Him, of the two dollars. Two weeks

later she brought the two dollars and said: "I was so glad to have been enabled to get it as soon as this, because I desired to pay my vows to the Lord" A few days later however, I learned the sequel to this—her sister speaking to us said: "The Lord has blessed us lately." When I asked in what way, she told me the following: "The two dollars * * * brought you was all the money we had in the house, and no prospect of any to come for at least a week. True we had some eatables in the house, but not enough to carry us through. Yet my sister was anxious to pay her vow to the Lord and told her mother, who agreed to it. So she came here and gave you all the money, but that same evening three dollars, and the next day five dollars came in, both from unexpected sources, and so He rewarded us for our placing him first."

Since I saw the dear friends of Grace Reformed Church last, a great change has taken place with me. I multiplied my usefulness by ten by marrying a lady doctor, who having practiced for six years, will save me from the responsibility in Kumbum of having to experiment in medicines. I am sorry that when coming through, no arrangement could be made to meet you all again and have you make her acquaintance too—especially because you have been so kind with other friends in sending things for her medical work. But I am sure that if it be his will our Lord is able to open our way, so that we yet may see you all before we finally go off.

In the mean time remember us in prayer as we remember you.

I am, as ever, yours in the hope of His coming.

PETER RIJNHART.

Later, more.

THE following of our people have been on the sick list during the past month: Mrs. Thompson, 92 Gay Street; Miss Etta Souder; Mrs. Cuttler, E. Wayne Street.

GONE BEYOND.

Ruth E. Tapp, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Tapp, after a severe illness of four weeks, departed this life, on Saturday evening, August 25. She was born in Fort Wayne, March 25, A. D. 1879, and was aged 15 years and 5 months. During her severe and protracted sickness, she was patient and uncomplaining, and frequently expressed herself to her mother as being very sorry that in her illness she should be so much of a charge to her. She was a child who was tender, and warm in her affections and attachments, and was highly esteemed by her friends and companions. Her Sabbath School teacher speaks of her as having been one of the "best loved," in the class. While of a rather frail constitution, she had made commendable progress in her studies in the school, and had a very promising future before her. Every possible opportunity was afforded her to pursue and complete her education, and she was diligent in availing herself of these privileges. She had attained that age in life, when she was passing out of childhood into young womanhood,—a most interesting period of life,—and when the daughter, begins to be a companion for father and mother. But with all, that there was of future hope and promise for this daughter, and of delight which the parents found in her, the Lord saw it best to take her unto Himself. Ruth was dedicated to the Lord in holy baptism in infancy. She bore upon her heart, the seal of the Lord. We believe that when in true faith we give our little ones to the Lord in this sacrament, He accepts them and puts His seal upon them, and that He will faithfully fulfill all the promises of His covenant unto His people and their children, and the lambs that bear the Shepherd's mark will be subjects of His special care and goodness. "He shall not only feed His flock like a shepherd, but He shall gather the lambs with

His arms, and carry them in His bosom." And when it may seem best for Him to gather the lambs from the fold on earth to the fold above, He will surely do so. And although it may pierce and sorrow our hearts, to see the Shepherd come into our homes and take from us the children of our affection, and of our delight, let us not murmur. Jesus knows what is best. He frustrates many of our plans, and blasts our false hopes, because He sees it is best. He transplants many of our beautiful flowers from earth's gardens to Eden's bower above, when they are just beginning to bud and unfold here, that they may escape the frost and wintry blasts of this world, and that in Heaven they may bloom and beautify the Lord's garden. This daughter leaves her father and mother, one brother and three little sisters to mourn her death. One little sister long since preceded her to the "Heavenly Home." The funeral services were held at the home, on East Lewis Street, Tuesday afternoon, August 28. The large congregation of friends at these services gave evidence of the high esteem in which this young lady was held in the city. May the Lord comfort the sorrowing and bereaved family, and lead them to a full recognition of His love and grace.

The family of Bro. Andrew Koons, 212 Francis, met with a very sore bereavement recently. Little Emma, who was a member of the primary class of the Sabbath School was taken sick with membranous croup, which later developed into diphtheria. A few days later, a little brother took suddenly ill with the same dread disease, and died after only a few days of sickness, and on the following day little Emma was taken away. Both were laid away side by side in the Lindenwood, on the same day. May the Lord remember this family in their great sorrow.

THE Financial Secretary will issue the quarterly statements October 1st.

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OYSTER SUPPER AND CANTATA.

"The South-west Section" of the ladies of the church will give a social and entertainment at the church parlors, Thursday evening, Oct. 18. They will give the first oyster supper of the season, and for an entertainment will give a cantata entitled, "A Quarrel Among the Flowers," under the direction of Mrs. Baker.

The following ladies constitute the committees:

ENTERTAINMENT—Mrs. Chas. Gumpper, Mrs. Henry Smith, Miss Libbie Felker.

SUPPER—Mrs. Rudisil, Mrs. C. C. Gumpper, Mrs. Ed. Connett.

Assistants—Mrs. Monn, Mrs. Hostman, Mrs. Beighler, Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Bottger, Mrs. Chadwick, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Hyman, Mrs. Libbing, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. J. J. Rehling, Mrs. Henry Rehling, Mrs. Chas. Habecker.

Admittance to the entertainment and supper will be 25 cents.

THE WINDOWS IN THE NEW CHURCH

Up to date the windows in the new church have all been sold but two. Enough will be realized out of the sale of the windows to pay for the glass in the whole building. The following societies and persons are donors of windows:

The Sabbath School donates the south double window in the west wall; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Connett the single window on the left-hand side of the Sabbath School window, and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gumpper the one on the right-hand side; D. W. Souder the circular window in the centre of the west wall, with bust picture of Ulric Zwingli. The Christian Endeavor Society the north double window in the west wall; Father Bolender and Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Paulus the single window to the left of the C. E. window in memory of Mother Bolender, and Mrs. Anna Hills and family the one to the right. The double window in the gallery is donated by the Primary Sabbath School class; the single window to the left of this is donated by R. L. Romey in memory of his mother; the one to the right by Mr. and Mrs. James Vinning and daughters. The double window below the gallery is furnished by the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society. The window in the west vestibule by Viola, Katie and Ida Romey. East tower gallery windows, four, by Josie Zartman, Alice Connett, Emma Kettler and Carrie Souder. Large east wall window aside of the pulpit will have in the center panel a life-size figure of the Good Shepherd, and is donated by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Platter, of Goshen, Ind. The side panel, next to pulpit is donated by Zartmans; the other panel, left-hand side, by the Bible Class. One of the windows in the entrance to the lecture rooms by Nellie Rudisil, and another by Anna Souder.

We are glad that the Lord has so kindly opened the hearts of these friends, and that we have been able to dispose of these windows so readily. We hope to announce in the next issue of the VISITOR the sale of the remaining.

THE annual meeting of the Ohio Synod will be held at West Alexandria, Oct. 10 to 14. Elder Martin Connett and the pastor anticipate attending the meeting.

FURNITURE FOR THE NEW CHURCH.

In our last issue of the VISITOR, we stated that in our next issue we would publish a list of donors of church furniture, etc. In another column we have given the names of donors of windows, and now we are also ready to start the ball rolling of donors of pews and so on.

The pulpit and pulpit furniture is all provided for already.

Mrs. Conrad Neireiter, pulpit, in memory of Henry Neireiter.

Unknown Friend, pulpit sofa, two chairs, two small stands and communion table.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Connett, \$10 pew.

C. H. L. Mayer, city, \$10 pew.

Elder N. H. Hover, Plymouth, Ind., \$10 pew.

Mrs. and Mrs. Isaac Zartman, Glenford, Ohio, \$10 pew.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Voncanon, city, \$15 pew.

Levi Bolander, \$10 pew.

Frank Kenneth Hills, city, \$10 pew.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Vining, city, \$10 pew.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Troxel, city, \$10 pew.

This list will be continued in the issues of the VISITOR, and we shall pray that it will enlarge very rapidly, and that the Lord will open the hearts of a sufficient number of our people and friends at home and abroad, so that in this way we may provide for all our furniture.

BIBLE SCHOOL.**CRITICAL STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT
AT GRACE REFORMED CHURCH.**

For a few weeks past there has been in process of organization at the Grace Reformed Church a Bible school for the critical study of the New Testament. The school held its second meeting last evening

and completed its organization. It is interdenominational and has now an enrollment of nearly fifty members, and there are undoubtedly many others who will shortly join the class. Mrs. Clayton has been elected Secretary of the school, and at the meeting last evening Rev. A. K. Zartman was chosen as leader and instructor. The school will meet weekly on Friday night at 7:30 in the lecture rooms of the Grace Reformed Church, and will take up for the present the study of the Epistle to the Galatians, having for next Friday evening, the beginning, part of the first chapter of the Epistle. The school will also have a Question Drawer for questions on Bible passages and topics, and requests for prayer. Much interest is manifested in this school and an opportunity is here offered to all Christian workers and friends who are interested in a more careful and extended study of the Bible.—*The Fort Wayne Sentinel*, Sept. 22.

THE NEW CHURCH is under roof, and the workmen are now putting on the lath, and soon the building will be ready for the first coat of plastering. It is expected that the last coat of plastering will be put on before the cold weather sets in. The contract for the art glass has been let, and the glass will be placed in the Church by November 1st. The contract was awarded September 4th, the day appointed, when designs and proposals should be submitted. Six firms submitted designs and proposals. The Gentzen Stained Glass Co., of Anderson, Ind., was awarded the contract. They will give us beautiful designs, and the choice of any quality of glass we might select. The glass will be of the highest grade and will consist of one-fourth ondoyant; one-fourth, opalescent; one-fourth, granatic, and the remainder, in Mural and Venetian glass. We feel quite certain that the glass will give full satisfaction to our people, and anticipate they will be more than pleased with it.

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 Sabbath School Hour, Sabbath Morning, 9:30.

SABBATH SCHOOL RECORD.

Aug. 5.	Attendance	114.	Collection	\$4.55
Aug. 12.	"	131.	"	4.17
Aug. 19.	"	132.	"	5.74
Aug. 26.	"	121.	"	4.42

Total - - - - - \$18.88

Aug. 5. Mr. Beahler's class gave the largest collection; amount 81c.

Aug. 12. Mr. Beahler's class gave the largest collection; amount \$1.23.

Aug. 19. Mr. Beahler's class gave the largest collection; amount \$1.13.

Aug. 26. Mr. Beahler's class gave the largest collection; amount \$1.05.

Birthday collections 41c.

New scholars enrolled during month, 3.

September 15 and 16, the Salem Reformed Church twelve miles north of the city, held a Sabbath School Picnic and Convention of Christian Workers, in Garman's Grove. The attendance was quite large and the services were well received by the people. The pastor preached in the grove on Saturday evening and Sabbath morning. A company of eight of the members of Grace Church were out to these meetings, and all had a very pleasant time.

THE following notice was read from the pulpit by the pastor Sabbath morning, Sept. 23rd:

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the members of the Grace Reformed Church, of Fort Wayne, on Thursday, the 4th day of October, 1894, at the usual place of meeting, for the purpose of incorporating said church under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Indiana, and causing the property now owned by said church and held by its Trustees to be conveyed to said church in its corporate name when such incorporation is completed.

It is hoped, that every member of the church will be present at this meeting. In connection with this service the preparatory service for the communion on Sabbath, Oct. 7, will also be held.

THE lawn social held in the month of August at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kettler, jointly by the young men and ladies of the Sabbath School classes of Mr. Connett and Mrs. Miller, was a great success; \$40 were netted and placed to the credit of the Sabbath School window fund.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

The attendance, exercises, decorations and offerings on our Children's Day exceeded all expectation. An artistic design of a house was built about the pulpit rostrum and beautifully decorated with wheat, oats and corn, while in front of the rostrum were tables with fruits and flowers, all tokens of the fruitful harvest in field and orchard. At the morning service the pastor spoke to the children, while in the evening, the services were in charge of the Sabbath School. Much has been said in praise of the children in the manner in which they rendered their programme. At the evening service the lecture rooms were crowded to their utmost capacity, while scores of people had to be turned away disappointed because there was no room. One of the most encouraging features of the day's services, was the manner in which the offerings were brought and given to the Lord. It had been previously announced that the offerings of the day should go toward the payment of a Sabbath School window in the new Church, and it was hoped that the sum of \$75 could be reached. This we felt was placing our expectations rather high, but our anticipations were exceeded, as the offerings amounted to \$90.50. We are free to say that we are pleased with such a spirit of liberality, and the Lord has given us more than we asked for, and we feel more certain than ever that He will supply all our needs. Let us be thankful to Him for what we were permitted to enjoy on Children's Day, and for such a spirit of liberality.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS.

First Thursday of each month. 2:30 P. M.

THE Missionary Dinner held at the home of Mrs. James Evard, eight miles north of the city, Thursday, Aug. 23, was well attended and every person had a very pleasant time. Mr. and Mrs. Evard and daughters did everything possible to make the day pleasant for their guests, and we are quite certain they succeeded in their attempts. The Ladies' Society netted \$10 from the dinner.

THE COMING BAZAAR.

The ladies of the Church are busy preparing for the Bazaar which they think of holding during the Thanksgiving season, in November. We give below the different booths which have been decided upon, and the committees having charge of them:

DOMESTIC BOOTH—Mrs. Perry Archer, Mrs. John Snyder, Mrs. George Soliday.

FANCY BOOTH—Mrs. Ed Miller, Miss Emma Rau, Miss Ida Kirham.

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CAKE AND CANDY BOOTH—Mrs. William and Mrs. Conrad Kettler.

LEMONADE BOOTH—Mrs. Mathis.

FANCY APRON BOOTH—Mrs. Rev. Bloom.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR BOOTH—Misses Nellie French, Josie Zartman, Florence Waite, Carrie Souder, Emma Kettler, Lizzie Rudisil, Agnes Smith, Lena Welden, Emma Swartz.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENT—A. K. Zartman, C. H. Gumpfer, Perry Archer, Geo. Soliday.

COMMITTEE ON ENTERTAINMENT—Mr. Zartman, Mrs. Baker, Marti Connett, J. E. Beahler. Eugene Mathis.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE—Mr. and Mrs. Zartman, Mr and Mrs. D T. Grubb, F. D. Paulus, Geo. Soliday.

COMMITTEE ON TICKETS, ETC.—D. W. Souder.

Other committees will be appointed and announced in later issues of the VISITOR.

It will be well for our ladies to remember that on each Thursday until the Bazaar there will be all day sewings at the church. There should be a large attendance at these sewings, as there is much work to be done.

REFORMED CHURCH COOK BOOK.

A book of household helps and culinary directions, under the above title, will be issued within a few months, under the management of Mrs. A. K. Zartman. It is the purpose of Mrs. Zartman to secure in this work the co-operation of the ladies of the Reformed Church, throughout our different classes and synods, requesting them to forward to her such recipes and household hints as have been well tried and proved. Recipes and helps are solicited for every department of house-keeping and cookery. The book will also contain numerous reliable advertisements that will be helpful to the home and the culinary art.

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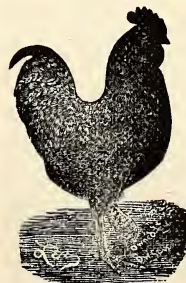
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PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.

Sept. 30. Consecration, what it is; what it does. Rom. 12: 1-21. Josie Zartman.

Oct. 7. The duty and rewards of church going. Heb. 10: 25. Lillie Walters.

Oct. 14. How Christ helps in our daily tasks. Col. 3: 12-17. Alice Connett.

Oct. 21. Which of Christ's teachings seems to you most wonderful? Mark 1: 22; Isa. 9: 6. Frank Rupert.

Oct. 28. What Christ heals and how. Matt. 8: 5-17. Charles Sefur.

THE Christian Endeavor window will be one of the finest windows in the new church. It will be the centre window of the group in the west wall, just south of the west tower entrance. It will have the C. E. monogram in the circle above and the motto, "For Christ and the Church," through the monogram or the lower part of the window.

NEW MEMBERS.—Thursday evening, August 4, Mrs. Anna R. Hills, Lester W. Hills, Frank Kenneth Hills were received into membership with Grace Church. Mrs. Hills by reprofession, and the son, Leslie W., and the grandson, Frank K., by baptism and confirmation. September 23, Miss Eliza M. Haven was received by reprofession. Will the members of the Church kindly receive these Christian friends into their fellowship, and remember them in their prayers, and also call on them at their homes. Mrs. Hills and family reside at 17½ Main Street, and Miss Haven 53 Maumee avenue.

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